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FM AMEMBASSY PORT AU PRINCE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9816

INFO AMEMBASSY MADRID PRIORITY

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MADRID FOR SMITH, GENEVA FOR PHELAN

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SUBJECT: TEXTILES - BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS

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1. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY MURAT TOLD EMBASSY OFF THAT GOH CANNOT BE READY TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON ON MAY 20. HE SAID HE WOULD INFORM EMBASSY ON MONDAY, MAY 19, WHETHER GOH CAN BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON MAY 27 (PRESUME WASHINGTON ALSO WILL BE ON HOLIDAY MAY 26) AND AT SAME TIME WOULD PROVIDE NAMES OF TEAM.

2. MURAT'S INABILITY TO GIVE IMMEDIATE ASSURANCE ON RENEWAL OF NEGOTIATIONS ON MAY 27 IS BASED ON HIS NEED CONSULT AGAIN WITH TEXTILE INDUSTRY AND PRESUMABLY WITH PRESIDENT IN VIEW OF DEPT'S REACTION TO HAITIAN REQUEST FOR A GLOBAL QUOTA OF 82 MILLION SQUARE YARDS. MURAT UNDERSTANDS U.S. ARGUMENTS (WHICH WERE REPEATED IN CONVERSATIONS OF MAY 15 IN ACCORDANCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH INSTRUCTIONS OF REFTTEL), BUT HE HAS HIS OWN POLITICAL AND

ECONOMIC IMPERATIVES WHICH MUST BE CAREFULLY WEIGHED BEFORE
COMING TO A DECISION. BASICALLY, HAITIAN INDUSTRY IS STILL FIGHTING
AGAINST ANY AGREEMENT PROVIDING LESS THAN 100 MILLION SQUARE YARDS.
IF MURAT ACCEPTS ORIGINAL U.S. PROPOSAL OF 52 MILLION SQUARE YARDS,
HIS ATTEMPTS TO BUILD CONFIDENCE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE
HAITIAN INDUSTRIAL AND BUSINESS SECTOR, A SINE QUA NON FOR DEVELOPMENT

IN HAITI, WILL BE NIPPED IN THE BUD.

3. IT IS STILL UNCERTAIN WHETHER GOH DELEGATION WILL BE IN
A POSITION TO FINALIZE AN AGREEMENT WHEN THEY REACH WASHINGTON.
IN EMBASSY VIEW DELEGATION WILL PROBABLY HAVE INSTRUCTIONS NOT
TO SIGN UNLESS U.S. CAN OFFER A SUBSTANTIALLY BETTER PACKAGE
THAN THAT CONTAINED IN THE SEPT. 1974 MEMORANDUM.
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